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Letter dated 16 August 2000 from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I am writing in connection with the provisions of section I, paragraph 7, of General Assembly resolution 40/243, according to which no subsidiary organ of the General Assembly may meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly. Those subsidiary organs that wish to meet during a regular session of the Assembly shall submit their requests through the Committee on Conferences.

I wish to inform you that the Committee on Conferences has received requests from the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, the committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), the Preparatory Committee for the High-level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development, the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to meet in New York during the main part of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

The Committee on Conferences, having carefully considered these requests and the reasons for them, has no objection, on the strict understanding that such meetings would have to be accommodated within available facilities and services so that the activities of the General Assembly itself are not adversely affected, and every effort would be made to make more efficient use of conference services.

Accordingly, I should be grateful if the General Assembly would explicitly authorize the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Working Group on

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the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), the Preparatory Committee for the High-level International Intergovernmental Meeting on Financing for Development, the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to meet in accordance with their requests, subject to the conditions referred to in the foregoing paragraph.

(*Signed*) Valeria María **Gonzalez Posse**
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